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SUBJ: LIBYA-EGYPT TALKS OFF - SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON

1. TRIPOLI MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF QADHAFI'S JUNE 11 DERNÄ SPEECH
PRESENT REVISED VERSION OF HIS VIEWS OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN
RELATIONS AND ARAB AFFAIRS. (TRIPOLI 0764 NOTAL BASED ON
QADHAFI'S LIVE SPEECH.) KNOWLEDGEABLE LIBYAN SOURCES TELL
US THAT QADHAFI HIMSELF OFTEN CAREFULLY REVIEWS AND RECASTS
HIS PUBLIC REMARKS PRIOR TO MEDIA PUBLICATION.

2. CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT IN TRIPOLI IS HEADLINE ITEM IN PRESS
AND RADIO. REGARDING EGYPT, QADHAFI IS REPORTED TO HAVE
REMARKED THAT HE INITIALLY AGREED TO "EGYPT'S REQUEST" FOR
TALKS WITH POPULAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ABD AL-ATI AL-UBAYDI.
ON REFLECTION, HOWEVER, HE REALIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE
CONSTITUTIONALLY INCORRECT. IN THE JAMAHIRIYAH, HE
POINTED OUT, THERE IS NO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. UBAYDI
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HAS A PURELY INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE. THE PROPER
PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI, WHO
HOLDS THE ONLY POLITICAL POST IN LIBYA AND IS RE-
SPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, TO PROCEED TO
CAIRO. QADHAFI ADDED THAT INDEED HE WAS AGREEABLE
TO TURAYKI GOING TO CAIRO AS SOON AS HE RETURNED FROM
TUNIS EVEN THOUGH THE "WOUNDS INFLICTED ON LIBYA BY

EGYPT ARE STILL BLEEDING." ON FURTHER REFLECTION,
HOWEVER, QADHAFI REALIZED THAT BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH
EGYPT WERE MINOR COMPARED TO THE GREAT CHALLENGES
FACING THE ARAB NATION. A SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO
RESOLVE ALL ARAB PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE PALESTINIAN
QUESTION, OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, THE SPANISH
SAHARA, AND THE CREATION OF AN ARAB COMMON MARKET
SIMILAR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE
OVER LOCAL ISSUES. TRIPOLI, HE ASSERTED, WAS CAPABLE
AND WELL SUITED TO HOST SUCH A CONFERENCE WHICH SHOULD
BE CONVND AT AN EARLY DATE.

3. REASON FOR CANCELLATION OF TALKS WITH EGYPT, WHICH
LIYBA WAS CLEARLY SEEKING, IS NOT YET APPARENT BUT
FURTHER AS YET UNFORESEEN LIBYAN MANEUVERS MAY WELL BE
IN THE OFFING.
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